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**South Coast  
Air Quality Management District**

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1111 – REDUCTION OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 1111 to allow an exemption to manufacture, distribute, sell, and install condensing or non-condensing natural gas furnaces that emit no more than 40 nanograms of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) per Joule (ng/J) in lieu of the NOx emission limit of 14 ng/J in areas with altitudes at or higher than 4,200 feet above sea level until October 1, 2020.

The proposed project has been reviewed pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since Proposed Amended Rule 1111 would result in minimal and temporary foregone NOx emission reductions, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. If the project is approved, this Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be directed to Ryan Bañuelos (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Bañuelos can also be reached at (909) 396-3479. Mr. Shawn Wang is also available at (909) 396-3319 to answer any questions regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1111.

**Date:** November 14, 2019

**Signature:**   
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Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor, CEQA  
Planning, Rules, and Area Sources

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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**To:** County Clerks  
Counties of Los Angeles, Orange,  
Riverside and San Bernardino

**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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**Project Title:** Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces

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**Project Location:** The project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 1111 to allow an exemption to manufacture, distribute, sell, and install condensing or non-condensing natural gas furnaces that emit no more than 40 nanograms of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) per Joule (ng/J) in lieu of the NOx emission limit of 14 ng/J in areas with altitudes at or higher than 4,200 feet above sea level until October 1, 2020.

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**Public Agency Approving Project:** South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Agency Carrying Out Project:** South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**Exempt Status:**  
CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD staff, as Lead Agency, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 1111 pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since Proposed Amended Rule 1111 would result in minimal and temporary foregone NOx emission reductions, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. If the project is approved, this Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

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**Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):**  
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: December 6, 2019; South Coast AQMD Headquarters

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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Signed Upon Board Approval)*  
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